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NO MORE SUNDAY MAIL DELIVERY

RECENT ACT OF CONGRESS PROHIBITS OPENING OF SUNDAY MAIL—EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1.

LUBBOCK POSTMASTER RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS

First Assistant Post Master General Issues Letter to all Postmasters of First and Second Class Offices That No Mail Will After September First, Be Delivered on Sunday.

Washington, Aug. 24, 1912. Postmaster.

Sir: The post office appropriation act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, provides:

"That hereafter post offices of the first and second classes shall not be open on Sundays for the purpose of delivering mail to the general public, but this provision shall not prevent the prompt delivery of special delivery mail."

Under this law you will close the general delivery, carriers' windows, and lock boxes and discontinue all deliveries by carriers on Sunday. You will note, however, that special delivery mail is excepted and you will therefore arrange to have on duty a sufficient force to handle this mail matter promptly.

The Department desires to reduce Sunday work to the minimum so that as many of the employees as possible may enjoy complete day of rest on Sunday. You should, therefore, require only a sufficient number of clerks to report for duty on that day in order that transit mail and the mail collected for dispatch may be handled without delay. If no mail is dispatched on Sunday a very early collection could be made on Monday morning and the mail for local delivery distributed before the carriers leave for their first trip.

Respectfully,
C. P. GRANDFIELD,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

Lubbock Public Schools
Lubbock Public Schools will open Monday, Sept. 2nd at 9:00 a. m. All patrons and friends of the school are invited to be present.

The opening exercises of the school will consist of the following program:

Music—Miss Brown.
Prayer—Rev. W. M. Lane.
Addresses, by Judge Geo. R. Jean and Jno. W. Baker and short talks by others.

I know of nothing that the people of Lubbock should be more interested in than the education of their children, hence encourage them by your presence Monday morning. There are many school problems which the teachers alone cannot solve but must have the assistance of the parents, therefore we invite you to attend the opening of school and let us talk these matters over, that we may understand each other and work together for their solution.

It seems to us that parents might devote two or three hours once a year to school, hence we will expect all who possibly can to be present Monday morning.

This term of the school will be taught in the High School building, if possible, and all children are requested to assemble at that building Monday morning.

Many of our teachers have taken special work this summer in their respective departments, the Universities, State Normals and Summer Normals and are better prepared to do good work than heretofore, and it is

The letter is self-explanatory and as Lubbock is a post office of this class it means that this office will be under the regulations indicated by the above letter to Postmaster Stubbs. The lobby of the office will be open and people who have boxes will be permitted to get their mail that may have been put in during the previous week, but none will be delivered through the general delivery on Sunday, nor will any of the mail received during Sunday be distributed till Monday morning, other than letters bearing special delivery stamps.

Letters may be mailed at the post office any time during Sunday the same as heretofore and will be dispatched the same as usual.

This great reform was made by act of congress and the postmaster here has nothing to do with the change except to put it into effect in compliance with instructions from the Department at Washington.

The new ruling may not be appreciated by many, but so far as the Avalanche is concerned it is perfectly satisfactory. We believe we have had something to say along that line, that the postal clerks should have a day of rest the same as in any other occupation hence, we are very well pleased with the ruling.

our aim to make the school better in all its departments. Apart from the literary course Miss Harriet Brown will conduct her music class in connection with the school, and we understand that Misses Huff, Campbell and Cowan will conduct music classes near the school building so that all who desire will have an opportunity to take music. Miss Word will have an Expression class convenient for all who wish to study along that line, and Mrs. Knox will teach art. These instructors, most of them, are well known in Lubbock and those who are not come highly recommended, and we have every reason to believe that the work in these departments will be excellent.

J. K. WESTER, Supt.
New Business Firm

W. A. Brown an experienced dry goods and grocery man will open a stock of dry goods and groceries in the Judd & Son building about the 10th of September. The building will be moved further west to the corner of the block. The work of moving the building will commence soon and the new stock will begin arriving in a few days.

J. V. Roy had a reunion of his family last Sunday. His eight children and their families, were present and enjoyed Sunday's dinner at the old home. Mr. Roy says counting his sons and daughters, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, together with their children numbered 27 and a very enjoyable occasion it was.

TO CURE ELECTION EVILS

Legislator-Elect of West is Preparing New Bill to Present At Coming Session

Kerrville, Aug. 25.—The Democratic convention for the One Hundred and Fifteenth district convened here Saturday. A. M. Kennedy, whose name was placed on the ballot by petition was declared the nominee for representative. He received 1,343 votes and A. O. Lawlor 764.

Mr. Kennedy has given out the following statement: "I am preparing and will introduce a comprehensive election bill which will be the most progressive measure of the kind that has ever been proposed in this or any other state. If it becomes a law, and its provisions are enforced, we have heard the last of hired campaign managers and paid political agitators in Texas. Among the things proposed will be the elimination of that provision of the present law which requires a city poll tax in addition to the state and county poll as a necessary qualification to vote. Probably 80 per cent of the voters of Texas pay \$1.75, while the other 20 per cent pay from \$2.50 to \$2.75. This is discrimination unwarranted and should be remedied. Presidential primaries will be provided for, as will the election of United States Senators by a popular vote. Conventions will be so regulated that there can be no stolen delegates and no excuse for the repeal of the local self-government policy so long taught by Democrats but which in this state, since the convention which met in Fort Worth in 1908, has been trampled under foot by which ever faction happened to control. The San Antonio platform as to campaign contributions will be followed and then some. Majority nominations, for which I contended in the legislature, which adopted the present law, will be included. Voting precincts will be limited to 200 poll tax payers and provisions made for prompt returns from all elections. There will be a publicity provision similar to the Oregon law, which provides for an official pamphlet containing the arguments for and against any candidate or measure, the same to be sent to all the voters by the state. While I dislike the idea of the state doing anything for the individual that he can and should do for himself, yet if we are to have primaries and expect men even of more moderate means to run for office, we must resort to the state publication of campaign literature. Generally speaking, the bill will endeavor to give more power to the people and less to convention fixers. Yet I would not destroy conventions but would limit their functions to certain routine business in which they can hardly go astray.

Mrs. W. L. Pearson and children of Tulsa, are here this week visiting the family of C. R. Jasper, Mrs. Pearson being a sister of Mrs. Jasper. Mrs. Pearson is the mother of twins seven years old and triplets eighteen months old. They are all bright, healthy looking chaps, the triplets being two girls and one boy and they bear the distinction of being the first triplets to visit Lubbock. Many people have visited them while here because of the fact that it is very much out of the ordinary to see three babies in one family all of the same age.

Arthur W. Jones, who conducted a two week's meeting here is to begin a series of sermons in Snyder on the 30th inst.

BILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION

Congress Closed Monday After Passing the Cost of Living Expense Bill

Washington, Aug. 26.—Congress closed another billion-dollar session today, but the exact total of the nation's "cost of living" varies as it is seen through republican and democratic eyes.

The total appropriation for the fiscal year 1913, which began July 1, 1912, amount to \$1,019,636,143.66, as given to the senate and house today by Senator Warren and Representative Fitzgerald, respectively chairmen of the two appropriation committees.

It is conceded by both of these leaders that this is \$7,046,000 less than the nation's budget of 1912, but it is remained for former Speaker Cannon, in behalf of the republican forces of the house, to produce figures to show that the present democratic congress actually had appropriated more for general purposes than did the preceding republican congress.

Representative Cannon declared that out of the general total should be taken all expenditures made for the Panama Canal. With such deductions, he said, the total appropriations for 1913 would be \$990,656,143, as compared with a total of \$981,122,881 appropriated for general purposes last year.

Predictions that the government would face a heavy deficit at the end of the year were made by both Senator Warren Representative Cannon. Senator Warren said President Taft and his cabinet had carefully reduced estimates to the lowest figures. The appropriations actually made are over \$21,000,000 less than the estimates, and Republican leaders declare it will be impossible for the existing government agencies to keep within them.

The Lubbock band is making making splendid progress. It has been strengthened considerably of late by band men coming in and accepting positions procured for them through the efforts of the members of that organization. The band has recently purchased a new instrument or two that will be of great benefit to it. In order to raise funds for the purpose of paying for these instruments the boys are going to practice up on a play which will be presented at near future date and it is to be hoped that the people will respond liberally when the time comes and help them keep the band up to a high standard.

The Radford Building
We understand that the contract for the Radford Grocery Company building was to have been let at Abilene on the 26th, but the manager at this place has no late information regarding it. However, we are sure that we will have some detailed information about it by the time our next issue is produced.

The Kokernot ranch is having a large ware house erected on the Posey switch in which they will store feed. Its capacity is four cars, and they will keep a good supply of cotton seed meal, cakes and other feed for their stock during the bad days in winter time.

Miss Edie Sawyers, who has been visiting relatives several weeks in the vicinity of Rails, came over Thursday morning and is the guest of Mrs. T. C. Greenhill for a few days.

Several of our male population left Thursday about noon for Clovis to attend the prize fight, which is to be pulled off in that city.

OUR FARMERS SEEM PROSPEROUS

IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE ON MANY OF THE FARMS OF THE LUBBOCK TRADE TERRITORY

BUILDING MATERIAL HAULED OUT OF LUBBOCK

A Number of Silos are Being Constructed, New Residences Being Built, Additions to Dwelling Houses and Other Improvements Denote Prosperity.

When one can see wagon load after wagon load of lumber and building material rolling out of Lubbock in every direction there is bound to be something doing in the country round about us. It has been said by some one that where there is much smoke there surely is some fire near by. We believe that where there is purchasing of building material by the farmers and ranchmen of the country that somewhere in the vicinity there is improving going on.

The Avalanche man's eyes are always open for something to print. While we may at times overlook some things of importance, we take special notice of this particular class of information. From many portions of the state of Texas comes the cry of hard times, nothing doing. This causes us to look about our own town to see if there is any immediate danger of the same complaint being registered here, but when we see these indications of improvement we decide that there is no need of serious alarm.

A number of our farmers and ranchmen are having large silos built making preparations for the big feed crops that they are raising this year. Others are building larger barns and some of them new ones where they have had none before. Others are building additions to their dwelling houses. Some are building new ones entirely. Fencing is being done by a number, while others are building corrals, dipping vats, etc. All this takes money and the greater part of it would be left undone if they did not have the cash to go ahead with it. This satisfies our

Panhandle Wheat

Great always is the wheat of the Northern Texas Panhandle, and greater yet is it this year.

Conservative estimates received of wheat shipments this season from concerned Northern Panhandle railroad points are as follows:

Shamrock, 150 cars; Groom, 150 cars; Pampa, 450 cars; Miami, 650 cars, and Canadian 300 cars—or a total from these six stations of 1,600 cars—which means 1,600,000 bushels.

Other railroad shipments within the same Panhandle radius will contribute at least 500 cars additional, so that immediately along the Rock Island from Amarillo to Shamrock and along the Santa Fe from Amarillo to Canadian, over two million bushels of wheat will be marketed this year, which means, in round figures at least two million dollars in wheat money.—Amarillo Daily Panhandle.

G. R. Caldwell, representing the Amarillo Daily News, was in the city Tuesday, and as usual paid this office a pleasant call.

Misses Ruby and Opal Ellis left Monday for Canyon to visit for a few days.

mind that the farmers and ranchmen of this section of the country are in easy circumstances and speaks well for the general conditions of the country.

The general farm conditions seem to be in fair shape. Take the South Plains as a whole and the crops are good. Many of our farmers are scratching their heads now and wondering how they will be able to take care of their immense feed crop. The condition of cotton seems to be favorable and it is beginning to open which means that picking will be on hand in a few weeks. It is said that the yield will be better this year than last, and the crop averaged a good third last year.

The men who have come to the South Plains to farm and have farmed have not failed. It is the man who came here expecting to do nothing but put the seed in the ground and trust to luck for the yield that is raising a howl about poor crops. Of course there are exceptions. The rains have been spotted and some places there is almost entire failures (but very few) not on account of the laziness of the farmer.

We are confident there are very few of our farmers that would exchange places today with the east Texas farmer.

Everything is favorable enough and we understand that many of the land owners who have heretofore been satisfied to let their land remain untilled are preparing to cultivate it another year and will put improvements on the property for the purpose of placing tenants on the farms.

Opportunity awaits the East Texas renter in the South Plains. Come to Lubbock.

A Correction

The Avalanche erred in its report of last week in its report of a new scalp bounty law. In its dispatch under date line from Austin it read that \$5.00 would be paid as a bounty for coyote scalps, but we find upon investigation that the coyote is in the \$1.00 class and that a dollar is all that will be allowed for his scalp. The \$5.00 bounty is on lobo, grey or timber wolves, panthers, Mexican lions, tigers and leopards.

Another point that must be remembered is that the entire hide of the animal must be presented in person to the Commissioners' Court in the county in which said animal was killed and a written affidavit will be required to that effect. Remember this when you slay any of the animals included in this list, so that you will have no trouble in collecting the bounty.

The Avalanche force we fear will become web-footed soon if there is not some improvements made in the sidewalks between the square and our office. We favor immediate construction of a walk from a connection with the Western Windmill Company's walk to South Fourth Street. The time is at hand. Its badly needed. Lets do it now.